# THEATRE REFORMS

SOME SERIOUS TALK AT THE MANAGERS DINNER.

Charles Burnham Would Hold a Public Meeting to Take Action Against the inaugurated et noon to-day. Speculators John Kendrick Bangs Protests Against Some Recent Plays.

Charles Burnham, president of the of Theatre Managers of reater New York, speaking at the dinner f the association at the Hotel Plaza last ight, suggested a meeting to be held in New York in the spring to consider the e dowalk ticket speculator nuisance and he laws regarding the employment of hildren on the stage. To this meeting would have invited the men in control the Metropolitan Opera House and of New Theatre and the managers of ery theatre in the country.

Of the ticket speculators Mr. Burnam said that the managers had applied the city authorities and had offered heir own cooperation, but without ridding he city of what he called "an intolerable the coming year would see the end of it. The laws in many of the States regarding the presence of children on the stage Mr. Burnham said were unfair and unjust. The situation in this regard he said was growing more serious all the time.

According to some of the diners the nanagers were glad for the meal because they were not assured of the immediate prospect of another. Others thought the situation in the theatrical world was not quite so bad as that but agreed that the resent has not been a banner season Rennold Wolf, one of the speakers, said hat the most crying need was for more and larger storehouses -that the crowded condition of the buildings storing this year's failures was becoming almost a scandal. A. L. Erlanger thought that week containing two or three holidays and the rest of the days Saturdays might

At the guest table were Mr. Burnham, Henry W. Taft, Clarence H. Mackay. Otto H. Kahn, Giulio Gatti-Casazza, Daniel Frohman, Percy G. Williams, . L. Erlanger, Rennold Wolf, Arthur Brisbane, Augustus Thomas and John Kendrick Bangs. At other tables were Winthrop Ames, director of the New Theatre; E. L. Baylies, Joseph Brooks, J. B. Brady, Martin Beck, Charles Burnham. J. I. C. Clarke, George M. Cohan, Charles B. Dillingham. Deputy Police ommissioner Clement Driscoll, Justice rianger, Joseph Grismer, Justice P. A. forbidden.

Iendrick, Al Hayman, Henry B. Harris, "I recommend that no bonds be issued by any other public utility without like Klaw, W. Delancey Kountze, Charles Klein, Fdward Locke, John Murray, Frank A. Munsey, Louis N. Parker, Timothy D. Sullivan, Fire Commissioner Waldo Joseph Weber, J. Fred Zimmerman and Florence Ziegfeld, Jr.

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Mr. Bangs told the managers that he did not like the theatre as much as he used to, that he did not enjoy seeing a boxful of well bred girls watching the latest expose of Parisian dance halls, that he did not like to see motherhood made the basis for farce comedy, did not like to see an actor whom he had regarded with the highest respect appear in a play in which he was forced to marry a member of the Housemaids Union, and did not derive great satisfaction from seeing a

duced that had not been repleased a lot of the well known managers, just as a means of testing the managers acuteness.

Mr. Erlanger joshed a lot of things connected with theatrical matters and hally put forward as one means of getting big houses a revival of the practice obtaining in the theatre of ancient Greece of having few principals and a big chorus, the latter to occupy seats in the orchesting. With a good chorus garbed according to the standards of Florence Ziegfeld.

Mr. Erlanger predicted that the show would have to move into Madison Square Garden.

Costa Rica, which has been in default for ten years, will probably arrange to refund its interior and exterior obligations very soon. The Government of that republic, through Maximo Fernandez that republic through Maximo Fernandez the cost of the assistant manager. That man maxim the assistant manager. That man maximo the assistan

each. He said that many theatres in New York are now going through a transi-tional and refining era and that they are gradually attaining the specialization which Mr. Bangs hoped for.

## "THE SIREN" PRODUCED. Recalls by the Score.

pecial Cable Despatch to THE SUN

## Wants No More Testimony in Post Mar-

THINGS GOV. BASS WANTS. Progressive Programme Mapped Out

for New Hampshire Legislature CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 5 .- Gov. Robert P. Bass, 37 years of age, the younges Governor the State has ever had, nominated and elected as a progressive, was

The Governor's message demands eystematic appropriations on a comprehensive plan covering a series of years, fair play for corporations but vigilance in keeping them out of politics, abolition of the railroad commission and the substitition of a public utilities commission, powevested in the public utilities commission to deal temporarily with the reasonableness or unreasonableness of railroad rates, rigid investigation of the railroad rate question, increased salary for the At-torney-General and a requirement that he devote all his time to the duties of his office, a constitutional convention at the earliest possible date, ratification of the Theatre and the managers of atre in the country. The country ticket speculators Mr. Burnthat the managers had applied to authorities and had offered cooperation, but without ridding of what he called "an intolerable " He expressed the hope that in many of the States regarding ence of children on the stage ham said were unfair and unjust."

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### DRASTIC CORPORATION LAW anded From the Legislature by Gov Marshall of Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 5.-The Indiana Legislature organized to-day with Albert Veneman, Tom Taggart's candidate, as Speaker of the House

Gov. Marshall delivered his biennial message, in which he recommended the repeal of the county option law and asked for drastic legislation in respect to corporations. He recommended a general revision of the corporation laws of the State, saying in part:

"I recommend that you revise the corporation laws of Indiana so that no corporation can issue a dollar's worth dollar's worth of property going into the corporation to the satisfaction and approval of the State Board of Tax Commissioners, and I recommend that all transportation lines be prevented from issuing bonds without the consent of the State race is the state of the State Board of Tax Commissioners, and I recommend that all transportation lines be prevented from issuing bonds without the consent of the State race is the state of the State race is the barber shop. Why on earth do you she was the Republican candidate for reelection last fail. He corporation to the satisfaction and approval of the State Board of Tax Commissioners, and I recommend that all transportation lines be prevented from issuing bonds without the consent of the State Railroad Commission first being obtained by showing that the funds raised from the issue are to be actually used for corporate purposes, and that the sale of such bonds for loss than all centre on the dollar before these than all centre on the dollar be less than 95 cents on the dollar be

consent being obtained from the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The Governor also recommended the adoption of the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution

### GOV. FOSS INAUGURATED. Formal Proclamation Made and a Salute

Fired on the Common. Boston, Jan. 5 .- Eugene N. Foss of Cohasset became the forty-fifth Governor of Massachusetts shortly after noon today, taking the oath in the House chamber. All the new Governor's family, members of the Legislature, the Justices of the Supreme and the Superior courts,

already settled by the tovernment and the foreign bondholders. The latter's consists of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, beatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of a box party, and the man at the door of a theatre simultaneously, being members of the country's exterior debt consists of the Losta Rioan Good cornerated the speculator nuisance; that most of the said that the managers already were starving. He mentioned two or three man agers who, he said, ought to come in for special commendation for the way they had deprived the speculators of any reason for standing in front of their theatres.

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### INJUNCTION VS. EXPULSION. Vienna Audience Enthusiastic-Curtain Hearing in Dr. Ewald's Suit Against County Medical Society.

Dr. Louis Anton Ewald asked Supreme VIENNA, Jan. 5.- Leo Fall's comic opera Court Justice Goff yesterday to continue "The Siren," which will be produced in a temporary injunction restraining the New York in the spring, had an immense board of censors of the County Medical tals, &c., ranging in texture from the up engineering. In 1834 he was consuccess to-night at its premiere at the Society from taking action toward ex-

Society from taking action toward expelling him because of his association with Dr. Robert Kunitzer, who was recently expelled by the society on the charge of allowing false statements to be made concerning surgical operations at the Sydenham Hospital.

Daniel P. Hays, attorney for Dr. Ewald, said that Dr. Ewald had resigned and actifity-two times after the third act. It is a delightful production and it is easy to believe that its melodies will become famous.

Woman Breading Operation kills Herself and Two Sons.

Virginia, Minn, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Nelson Swanson killed herself and her two boys. Carl W., aged 9, and Bernard W., aged 8. With carbolic acid last night. The three bodies were found in night attire lying on one bed.

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Daniel P. Hays, attorney for Dr. Ewald, and the resignation was effective as soon as it was received.

Almuth C. Vandiver, counsel for the county Medical Society, said that the injunction papers were defective because Dr. Ewald did not show that he had effective and the State Medical Society was as a semmythous beak bard paste of the K'am 1772), was sold to W. V for \$1,000. A famille-ve was governed by its by-laws, and under two society and the State Medical Society was (clear white hard paste of the K'am 1772), was clear white hard paste of the K'am 1772), was coloured to the would be irreparably injured was only a matter of conjecture. Further, before a poperation before it is effective. Justice Goff reserved decision.

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of Yale Corporation announced to-night apartment house at 314 West 100th street. Supreme Court Justice Platzek told the harvers yesterday in the suit brought by Augustus T. Post for the annulment of this marriage to Emma C. Post that he wouldn't hear any testimony, but would decide the case from briefs which are to be submitted within three weeks.

of Yale Corporation announced to-night that Gov. Simeon E. Baldwin has been selected as the next lecturer in the Dodge plot 80 by 100 which up to a year ago was part of the old Furniss property which comprised the entire block between kineral property was held at \$350,000.

# HEARD IN HOTEL CORRIDORS

SENATOR ELKINS'S STRUGGLE WITH A SAFETY RAZOR.

one Rich Man Who Forgot His Trouble at the Thought That He Had Made \$2 -Suicide Scares Due to Deaf Per-

sons-A Natural Explosion Mistake. The news of the death of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins was a topic of conversation at the Waldorf and the Belmont yesterday, for the late Senator used to stop at one or the other of these hotels whenever he came to New York. The last time he was here, about the middle of August, he pent ten days at the Belmont

On that visit the Secotor unintentionally gave the information clerks a lot of trouble. It was his habit upon arriving to see visitors. "If anybody asks for were members of Skull and Bones.
me," he said the last time, "you can just After studying law at Yale an

to his room in a hurry.

man, everything is wrong with it. It won't shave. Here I've got to be at Oyster Bay by noon, and I had calculated on shaving myself in two minutes and at-

on shaving myself in two minutes and attending to some business before catching a train, and now I shall have to take a later one because I'll have to go down to the barber shop. Why on earth do you suppose anybody selected my safety razor to steal?

The detective could not answer the question, but took the pieces of steel the Senator gave him and promised to see if he could not have something done. In the hall he met one of the assistant managers, to whom he told the trouble, adding that he could not see how anybody could have got into the room in the first place. The manager, who shaves himself, looked at what the detective had in his hand and found that Senator Elkins had apparently screwed two pieces of the razor together, leaving out the blade, had apparently screwed two pieces of the razor together, leaving out the blade, which he had handed the detective along with the rest of the razor. The manager put the razor together properly and took it in to the Senator. The latter laughed when his mistake was explained to him beath to the Tweed Court House. and reached his luncheon at Oyster Bay

Most of the Western trains due yeshours late and many of their passengers the bench: reached the hotels in anything but a "I am satisfied that the recent deaths of

### \$28.898 the Amount Received at the First Afternoon's Auction.

The sale at auction of the Yamanaka other art objects began yesterday afternoon in the American Art Galleries, Madicomprised porcelains, carved jades, crys-

George W. Lederer, the thatrical manner of the Central Park Mrs. Daniel Draper, wife of the director of the Central Park Meteorogical observatory. Jan. 5.—Secretary Stokes ager, bought yesterday the Chateau apartment house at 314 West 100th street. It is eight stories high and occupies a plot 80 by 100 which up to a year ago was a Mrs. Sarah Dorrance, Known and Draper in 1887.

## JUSTICE WHITNEY DEAD.

Only Just Reappointed to the Supremo Bench by Outgoing Governor. Justice Edward Baldwin Whitney of the

New York Supreme Court died yesterday of pneumonia in his home at Cornwall Justice Whitney was born in New Haven on August 16, 1857. His father was Prof.

William Dwight Whitney of the Yale faculty and his mother was Elizabeth W. Baldwin. His maternal grandfather was a Governor of Connecticut. The present Governor of Connecticut, Simeon Baldwin, was his uncle. A sister Marian Parker Whitney, is the head of the department of modern languages at Vassar and another sister, Emily Henrietta Whitney, is the translator of several books, including Duruy's "History of the Middle Ages."

Justice Whitney was graduated from Yale in 1878 in the class of President Taft. to impress upon them that he did not wish | Both the President and Justice Whitney

After studying law at Yale and Co say I am not here." Then forgetting that lumbia, Justice Whitney was admitted he was not in the hotel he would often to the bar in this State in 1880. The foltake a seat in the lobby, and of course lowing three years he spent as managing would be spotted by callers who had been clerk for a New York law firm and in 1883 told at the information desk that the he formed a partnership with Gen. Henry Senator was not stopping at the hotel. L. Burnett. Later he became a member The clerks would have to explain to the of the firm of Macfarlane, Whitney & irate ones that the Senator had said he Monroe. He was Assistant Attorney was not in, and they had to take his word General of the United States from 1893 to 1897. As such he aided in arguing the The mechanism of a safety razor gave income tax case, the Debs case and causes the Senator and a house detective a bad arising from the interstate commerce time one morning. Senator Elkins had law and from the Cuban insurrection. invited to take luncheon at noon With Judson Harmon, now Governor of that day with a prominent citizen whose Ohio, he figured in the prosecution of the home is at Oster Bay. At 9 o'clock he Addyston Pipe case in Nashville, in telephoned for the hotel detective to come which President Taft, then a Federal Judge, wrote the first judicial decision "Look here," said the Senator when the condemning a manufacturing trust under "Look here," said the Senator when the detective entered. "Somebody has been in this room and removed my safety razor and left this blunderbuss in its place." He held up what appeared to the detective to be a safety razor. "What's wrong with it?" inquired the detective. "Wrong?" repeated the Senator "Why. man, everything is wrong with it. It won't shave. Here I've got to be at Oyster Bay by noon, and I had calculated on shaving myself in two minutes and at-

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# FOUL COURTS AND DEAD JUDGES

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This is the higgest addictore many of the seem the seem to first the seem to the seem the seem to the seem to the seem the seem to the see happened two days ago. If persons who are hard of hearing would make a point of telling the clerk as much when they register it would in many cases save a lot of worry."

That some persons who read about the recent explosion in the New York Central power house at Fiftieth street got rather a hazy idea as to its location was proved yesterday in the first remarks made by an elderly woman who arrived at the Belmont from the West.

"I was just looking at the Grand Central Station as I came along," she said. "My, that must have been a terrible explosion!"

No. 21.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 5.—Frederick W. Plaisted of this city took the oath of office in the Hall of Representatives to-day and is now the Governor of the State of Maine, the first Democrat to hold the office in thirty years, or since the completion of the Stock Exchange. In 1869 he married Mriss Margaret Bethune Gracie. Mrs. Clarence S. Fiske of Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. Charles Jackson of Mrs. Arthur D. Weekes, Jr., of New York and Oyster Bay and James Jackson Higginson. Jr. Mr. Higginson and a cousin of Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

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Addictern reason for buying this interesting book appears dally in this paper.

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## BRONSON MURRAY, AGED 93, book that has been written upon pub-Death of an Engineer Who Was in Colum-twenty years. The spirit of 'do and bla in 1832.

Bronson Murray died yesterday at his home at 238 West Fifty-second street collection of Chinese vases, rugs and in his ninety-fourth year. For half a century he has lived in New York as a retired civil engineer. In 1832 he entered son Square. The objects sold yesterday Columbia, but left after two years to take board of censors of the County Medical Society from taking action toward expelling him because of his association with Dr. Robert Kunitzer, who was recently defore the curtain after each act. They were recalled thirty-nine times after the second and fifty-two times after the third act. It is a delightful production and it is easy to believe that its melodies will become famous.

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Lieut. Timothy G. C. Salter, U. S. N., retired, died in this city yesterday. He was born in Dover, N. H., on November 11, 1850. His last active duty was on board the Cheiago from June, 1852, to May, 1853. He was transferred to the retired list in 1893 on account of physical disability.

Draper in 1887.

Mrs. Sarah Dorrance Knapp, wife of Congressman Charles L. Knapp, died at her home in Lowville, N. Y. yesterday afternoon. She was 57 years old.

Senator Mullen, a Democratic leader of prominence in Maine, died suddenly in Augusta at 9 o'clock last night.

TROUBLE OVER "YSOREL."

The Composer Insists That Liebler & Co., Not He, Broke Faith—American Producers Feel That He Made Unreaseonable Demands—\$100,000 Spent.

Special Cable Despatch to TRE SUN.

ROME, Jan. 5.—Pietro Māscagni, the report that his new opera "Ysobel" will not be given in New York and because of the accusation that he has been guilty of breach of contract. He says he is ready to start for New York as soon as he receives Liebler & Co.'s instructions, which he has been impatiently awaiting for a fortnight.

He would have already started if he had not been obliged to await a promised letter. He hopes the report is due to a mistake; otherwise, he says, he and not the Lieblers will sue for breach of contract. He adds that he has never been fooled in all his life and certainly will appear in vaude-ville at the Colonial on January 23, continuing through all the theatres in the Percy Williams circuit. The star will be sen act version and Friday and principal role and will be assisted by Merconday. Tuesday and Egypt and the Imperial Russian Court ary 16, at Hammerstein s. Victoria Theatre. Miss Kitty Gordon will appear for one week only in vaudeville, beginning January 18, will be played and the Imperial Russian Court ary 16, at Hammerstein s. Victoria Theatre in the New York and the Imperial Russian Court and the Imperial Russian Court ary 18, ins farce will sent the report in the report for William Gillette during the week of January 18, bis farce on January 18, will be played at the News Amsterdam Theatre Score will be seen in an original act introducing some new English music at the News Amsterdam Theatre Score will be seen in an original act introducing some new English music at the News Amsterdam Theatre Score will be seen at the New Amsterdam Theatre Score will be seen in an original ac

tract. He adds that he has never been fooled in all his life and certainly will not be now. He is ready to fight to a finish. Mascagni's usually irascible tem-

per is now worked up to fury. Mascagni has a copy of his contract with the Lieblers in which it is explicitly stated that he is bound to finish the score of the opera "Ysobel" in December, but in case of unavoidable delay the time limit shall be prolonged to April. Mascagni delivered the score in Novem ber. Hence he says it is impossible to blame him for breach of contract. He has cabled to the Lieblers exacting a full explanation of the report that "Ysobel" will not be given in New York.

On this side of the ocean another reason is given for the refusal of Mascagni to come to this country. It is said that he made unusual demands on the firm of Liebler & Co. for further advances. As composer and conductor of the first performances of the opera of "Ysobel" Signor Mascagni demanded an advance of \$20,000. Mascagni demanded an advance of \$20,000.
After he had agreed to come here as conductor of this opera he insisted also that a series of symphonic concerts be arranged for him. This was done, although it was found necessary to cut down the number he desired.

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It was the demand of the Italian composer that he also receive an advance on these concert engagements that led to the breaking off of his relations with the firm that has spent so much money in the attempt to bring him to this country. The whole story of the failure of this undertaking, which is said to have cost more than \$100,000 up to date, is regarded as an illustration of what may happen when a theatre manager decides to become an opera impresario. The fact that not a single opera by Signor Mascagni with the exception of "Cavalleria Rusticana" has ever made a success here and that his numerous operas produced during recent seasons in Italy have all proved failures would have kept an operatic impresario from placing any faith in what he might accomplish. That did not, however, deter the managers, who wanted a new work written for Beesie Abott, who seems always to have found much greater success in Europe than in her own country. In addition to these conditions the engagement of a chorus and company in Italy, the painting of the scenery and the manufacture of the costumes have tended to increase enormously the expense of the undertaking, which now seems destined to progress no further than some storehouse.

In the cabled reports of his plans Signor Mascagni declares his opera will be sung

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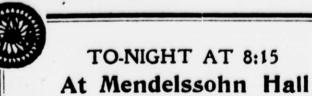
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